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Sacred Space102 FM: A Light in the Darkness

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For educators in Jesuit higher education, this interesting resource could be used for at least two purposes related to their good work. For those personally committed to the Jesuit/Catholic religious tradition, one can find inspiration and direction for life and vocation in these resources. For those outside this faith tradition and not necessarily committed to the social and intellectual values of Jesuit higher education, elements of this resource, including Pope Francis' tweet, will provide insight and perspectives on current faith issues at the fore in Catholicism that lend understanding and context for educational mission.

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The days are growing shorter here in the northern hemisphere as the winter months approach. We wake up in the dark, go to work, and return in the dark. It seems like there is less time to get everything done. Tasks fall by the wayside, like laundry, correspondence, and even prayer. We seek a singular shining space where we can bask in the sacred. The blog, *Sacred Space 102 FM*, found at <http://sacredspace102.blogspot.com/p/sacred-space-102fm-prayer-circle.html> is exactly such a place. It is almost effortless to find just what we need during a dark hour. There are daily readings, daily prayers and even short Taizé' daily meditations. If those don't suit, there is a list of links to a number of other daily prayer sites, including *Pray as You Go*, a Jesuit Media Initiative, *Ignatian Prayer Online*, *Creighton University Daily Reflection*, and *The Daily Examen*, - Ignatian Spirituality.com.

Scriptural resources are also readily available, starting with a beautiful prayer for the grace to receive understanding and direction from scripture. There are several links that provide guidance in the practice of *Lectio Divina*, a method of reading passages from the Bible deeply and growing in enlightenment from them.

Those of us who prefer listening over reading are also well taken care of at *Sacred Space*. There are several years' worth of podcasts from Sacred

Space 102fm, the sponsor of the blog. They provide a weekly program that includes "inspirational music, chat, interviews, what's on locally and not so locally, and a reflection on the gospel reading of the day." Some fascinating interviews and reflections are available under their "Popular Podcasts" tab.

Finally, when nothing but hearing straight from the top will do, a Twitter feed from Pope Francis as well as his daily homily in both English and Spanish are just a click away. His Tweets appear right on the home page and to this Blog Traveler, are enchantingly reminiscent of the book of Proverbs. They are necessarily short, to the point, and shine light on the sacred. As from the wisdom song *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*:

*"Then the traveler in the dark,
Thanks you for your tiny spark,
He couldn't see which way to go,
If you did not twinkle so."* 

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